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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JOSEPH S. NYE, DEPUTY TO THE UNDER SECRETARY

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES DR. NYE TO JAPAN AND SUPPORTS ANY EFFORTS HE MAY MAKE TO REVIEW NUCLEAR ISSUES WITH JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. AS DR. NYE IS AWARE, NUCLEAR RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN RELATIVELY QUIESCENT SINCE TOKAI MURA SETTLEMENT BUT REVIEW AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION COULD BE BENEFICIAL AND MUTUALLY INFORMATIVE.

2. GOJ HAS AGREED TO BE PREPARED TO MEET ESSENTIALLY ALL DAY ON JAN. 27 WITH DR. NYE, STARTING AT 10:30 A.M. FOREIGN MINISTRY (UN BUREAU) WILL COORDINATE PARTICIPATION BY OTHER GOJ AGENCIES. DIRECTOR GENERAL YOSHIO OKAWA IS EXPECTED TO BE PRINCIPAL HOST, AND EXTENDS INVITATION FOR LUNCHEON TO DR. NYE.

3. GOJ CONCURS IN DR. NYE'S BRIEFING JAPANESE SIDE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S. OVERALL NON-PROLIFERATION STRATEGY, AS PROPOSED REFTEL (A). IT REQUESTS THAT HE ALSO ADDRESS RELATED DOMESTIC SUBJECTS SUCH AS STATUS OF PENDING LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS (E.G., NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1977), U.S. IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESIDENTIAL PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND DISPOSAL FOR U.S. AND POSSIBLY FOREIGN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, AND PLANS FOR ASSURING ADEQUATE
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URANIUM ENRICHMENT CAPACITY AND SUPPLIES OF NATURAL URANIUM FEEDSTOCKS. JAPANESE ALSO DESIRE RUN-DOWN ON STATUS OF INFCE.

4. IN TURN, GOJ PROPOSES TO GIVE STATUS OF AND PLANS FOR REPROCESSING R&D CALLED FOR BY TOKAI COMMUNIQUE, AND SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO REPORT ON OUTCOME OF

NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA (WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK IN TOKYO).

5. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DR. NYE EXPLORE WITH JAPANESE THE NEED FOR AND TIMING OF PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS STIPULATED IN LAST PARAGRAPH OF TOKAI COMMUNIQUE. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT DR. NYE AND THOSE OF HIS U.S. COLLEAGUES WHO ARE AVAILABLE MEET WITH AMBASSADOR AND/OR DCM ON 25TH OR 26TH, PRIOR TO OR AFTER SESSION WITH JAIF. DETAILED JAIF AGENDA NOT YET AVAILABLE, SO WE ARE UNABLE TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC TIME YET.

6. USIS IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF DR. NYE MEETING WITH JAPANESE WRITERS ON NUCLEAR MATTERS. THIS CANNOT BE FIRMED UP UNTIL JAIF SCHEDULE IS KNOWN. DR. NYE'S VIEWS ON CONTACTS WITH PRESS AND TIME FOR HOLDING PROPOSED BRIEFING URGENTLY REQUESTED.

7. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM REFTELS WHETHER JAN. 28 (SATURDAY) IS WORKING DAY FOR DR. NYE. ASSUMING THAT IT IS, VISIT TO TOKAI MURA COULD TAKE PLACE ON THAT DAY, WITH DR. NYE GOING TO MITO/TOKAI NIGHT OF 27TH. DR. NAKAMURA OF PNC EXTENDS INVITATION FOR DINNER TO DR. NYE FOR EVENING OF 27TH, EITHER IN TOKYO OR TOKAI. (FYI: TIME WOULD NOT PERMIT HOLDING MEANINGFUL CONSULTATIONS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS AND MAKING ROUND TRIP VISIT
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TO TOKAI MURA ALL IN ONE DAY.)

8. CONTROL OFFICER FOR DR. NYE'S VISIT IS SCIENCE COUNSELOR JUSTIN L. BLOOM, WHO WILL BE PARTICIPANT IN CONFERENCE.

9. PER REFTEL (B), RESERVATION MADE AT OKURA FOR DAYS INDICATED. HOWEVER, IF DR. NYE WISHES TO GO TO TOKAI MURA ON SCHEDULE PROPOSED ABOVE, HE WILL NOT REQUIRE OKURA RESERVATION FOR NIGHT OF 27TH. BLOOM WILL MEET HIM AT AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL.

10. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS OR FURTHER GUIDANCE.
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